Threat to Koshi Bairaj (DAM) by Maoists of Nepal

†3418. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the threat posed by Maoists of Nepal to the Koshi Bairaj (dam) located on Indo-Nepal border;

(b) whether any information has been received from Government of Bihar and Sashastra Seema Bal in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Information was received from Government of Bihar and Sashastra Seema Bal that Nepalese security personnel deployed at the Koshi Barrage, which falls inside Nepal, had been withdrawn. The matter was taken up through diplomatic channels with His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMGN) following which security personnel were re-deployed at the barrage by HMGN.

Assistance for modernization of Police in Andhra Pradesh

3419. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Union Government for release of necessary funds for policing in Mega City of Hyderabad covering the commissionerates of Hyderabad and Cyberabad for an amount of Rs. 95.82 crores and for Rs. 345 crores for modernization of police force for Hyderabad for which estimates had already been submitted by the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government would assure of releasing the funds at the earliest; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) Government has

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taken initiative in 2005-06 to upgrade the standard of urban policing in the mega cities. Accordingly proposals received from the mega cities including Hyderabad were considered for Central assistance based on the assessment of requirement and availability of funds. During 2005-2006, Central assistance of Rs. 3.00 crore has been released for the city of Hyderabad. In the MPF Scheme for 2006-07, provision has been made for Central assistance of Rs. 10.00 crore for mega city policing in Hyderabad.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b).

Lives lost due to fire in Delhi

†3420. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who lost their lives, were seriously injured and were rendered homeless in Delhi due to fires during the last three years ending 31st December, 2005, year-wise and category-wise;

(b) the criteria adopted for payment of compensation to the deceased and injured;

(c) the number of those rendered homeless so far rehabilitated and those still to be rehabilitated;

(d) the number of firemen who lost their lives and were seriously injured in fires during the above period, year-wise; and

(e) the compensation and other relief provided to the families of deceased firemen and to those who received serious injuries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The number of persons who lost their lives and those who were injured due to fire during the last three years is indicated below:—

Year	Number of deaths	Number of injured persons
2003-04	235	1334
2004-05	272	1687
2005-06	154	2176

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